



American Rescue Plan Act – Tribal Provisions

The American Rescue Plan Act provides substantial direct assistance for tribes, the Indian Health Service, and the Bureau of Indian Education.

The legislation contains \$20 Billion for Tribal Governments in Coronavirus Relief Funding. \$1 billion of that amount will be split evenly among all tribes. This will result in each tribe getting a payment of approximately \$1.7 million. The remaining \$19 billion will be sent out through a determination by the Secretary of the Treasury after a consultation with tribes.

The legislation also contains \$6.094 billion for Tribes to address the public health crisis. This includes:

- \$2 billion for lost 3rd party billing revenue for tribal healthcare providers
- \$500 million for Purchased and Referred Care
- \$140 million for telehealth, IT, and to update the IHS records system
- \$84 million for Urban Indian Health Organizations, including 2 years of 100% FMAP
- \$600 million for Vaccines
- \$1.5 billion for COVID testing, tracing, and mitigation
- \$240 million for workforce
- \$420 million for mental and behavioral health
- \$600 million for health infrastructure
- \$10 million for potable water

Other important provisions include:

- \$850 million for Bureau of Indian Education
- \$100 million tribal set-aside out of a new Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund which will fund critical capital projects to respond to the public health emergency.
- \$250 million to tribes from a new Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund
- The U.S. Department of Agriculture will provide support to Tribal Colleges and Universities
- \$100 million for BIA tribal housing
- \$772.5 million for tribal governments, public safety, social services, and more through BIA
- \$20 million for potable water.